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Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2005, Paper No. 20050111, the Applicants offer the following comments and amendments and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due because this reply is being submitted within three months of the Office Action, Applicants authorize the Office to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 05-0840 in the name of Eli Lilly and Company.